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**Subject: Enteral Nutrition: Healthcare Common Procedure Code System (HCPCS)
Product Description Change**

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) inserted the word “*manufactured*” in the product description for Product Code HCPCS B4149 to match that of Medicare.

There were **no** reimbursement dollar amount changes during this update.

Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached are replacement pages H.1 - H.2 *Product List* and I.1 - I.2, *Product Classification* for the current *Enteral Nutrition Billing Instructions*.

How do I conduct business electronically with Washington State Medicaid?

For information on how to conduct business electronically with Washington State Medicaid, go to: <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider issuances?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.

Product List

Enteral Nutrition Product Classification List

Vendors must use the Enteral Nutrition Product Classification List located on the SADMERC* web site <http://www.palmettogba.com> to locate proper HCPCS coding for products requested. Providers must use the applicable HCPCS codes for all enteral nutritional claims. MAA will **only** accept billing for codes and products listed on the SADMERC Enteral Nutrition Product Classification List.



Note: The appropriate modifier must be used (see page G.1) when billing MAA for these codes.

Billing must be limited to a 1-month supply.

MAA does not reimburse for puddings and shakes.

The following table is a list of acceptable CMS HCPCS codes and MAA's maximum allowable fees:

Category (HCPCS code)	Description	One Unit Equals	Maximum Allowable Fee
B4100	Food thickener administered orally per ounce. <i>Thickeners when EPA criteria for EPA # 870001104 is met. Includes Resource ThickenUp, Thick & Easy, and Thick-It.</i>	One powdered oz	\$0.56
B4149	Enteral formula, manufactured blenderized natural foods with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber. .	100 cal	\$1.53
B4150	Enteral formula consisting of semi-synthetic intact protein/protein isolates.	100 cal	\$0.79
B4152	Intact protein/protein isolates (calorically dense).	100 cal	\$0.59
B4153	Hydrolyzed protein/amino acids.	100 cal	\$2.41
B4154	Defined formula for special metabolic need.	100 cal	\$1.39
B4155	Modular components.	100 cal	\$0.93

* The Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (SADMERC) is a national entity that provides services under contract to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The SADMERC Reports and Analysis Unit provides data analysis support to the four DMERCs. The SADMERC HCPCS Unit offers guidance to manufacturers and suppliers on the proper use of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

Enteral Nutrition Program

Category (HCPCS code)	Description	One Unit Equals	Maximum Allowable Fee
B4157	Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.	100 cal	\$1.39
B4158	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber and/or iron.	100 cal	\$0.79
B4159	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete soy based with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber and/or iron.	100 cal	\$0.79
B4160	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete, calorically dense (equal to or greater than 0.7 Kcal/ml) with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.	100 cal	\$0.59
B4161	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, hydrolyzed/amino acids and peptides and proteins, includes fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.	100 cal	\$2.41
B4162	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, for special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.	100 cal	\$1.39
B9998	POC for enteral supplies. <i>Nutrition bars when EPA criteria for EPA # 870000868 is met. Includes Choice DM Bar, Ensure Bar, Glucerna Bar, Protein Eight Bar, Regain Bar, and Resource Bar.</i>	One Bar	\$0.72
B9998	Simply-Thick Honey thickener	One box of 100 count	PA for pricing Invoice required
B9998	Simply-Thick Nectar thickener	One box of 200 count	PA for pricing Invoice required

Product Classification

Based on the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines, enteral nutrition formulas are placed in categories based on the composition and source of the ingredients in each product. Each category has a corresponding HCPCS code. These categories are listed below:

Category (HCPCS code)	Description
B4149	Enteral formula, manufactured blenderized natural foods with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.
B4150	Enteral formula consisting of semi-synthetic intact protein/protein isolates.
B4152	Intact protein/protein isolates (calorically dense).
B4153	Hydrolyzed protein/amino acids.
B4154	Defined formula for special metabolic need.
B4155	Modular components.
B4157	Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.
B4158	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber and/or iron.
B4159	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete soy based with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber and/or iron.
B4160	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete calorically dense (equal to or greater than 0.7 Kcal/ml) with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.
B4161	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, hydrolyzed/amino acids and peptide chain proteins, includes fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.
B4162	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, for special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber.

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